

# Program

*One-Hundredth Session*

OF THE

*North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention*

CONVENTION THEME: "*Faith of Our Fathers.*"



Meeting at Wilson, N. C.

IN

*First Christian Church and Atlantic Christian College*

NOVEMBER 8-10, 1944

*President of Convention:* CECIL A. JARMAN

# Centennial Convention

## Program

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 8, 1944

3:00—Ministers' Session.....H. Glenn Haney, President

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 8, 1944

7:30—Devotional Service.....Byron Carlisle  
7:50—Welcome.....T. T. Swearingen  
7:55—President's Address.....Cecil A. Jarman  
8:20—Address: "Sitting Pretty".....Edgar DeWitt Jones

### THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 9, 1944

9:00-10:00—Committee Meetings  
10:00-11:00—Discussion Groups  
    1. The Church's Place in Post-War World.....Arthur P. Wilson  
    2. Missions and the Present Crisis.....S. J. Corey  
    3. Problems of the Church—Related College.....John L. Davis  
    4. Problems of the Sunday School.....H. Glenn Haney  
11:00—Devotional Service.....Olin Fox  
11:15—Address: "Evangelism Going My Way".....Eugene C. Beach  
11:45—Address: "Sky Lines of the Disciples".....Edgar DeWitt Jones  
    Benediction  
12:45—Luncheon, Host Church

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 9, 1944

2:00—Devotional Service.....Mrs. Newton J. Robison  
2:10—Special Music  
2:15—Address by Missionary, Virgil E. Havens  
2:45—Business Session  
3:30—Benevolence Address.....J. Wayne Drash  
4:30—Ministers' Wives' Tea

### THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 9, 1944

AT A. C. COLLEGE

7:30—Devotional Service.....Clyde Darsie  
7:35—Olds Hymns led by John W. Jomp  
7:45—Centennial Play

## FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 10, 1944

9:45—Devotional Service.....W. H. Brunson  
10:00—Address.....John L. Davis  
10:30—Business Session  
11:15—Address: "On Being Fishers of Men".....Eugene C. Beach  
12:00—Memorials  
12:30—Luncheon, Host Church

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 10, 1944

2:00—Devotional Service.....J. M. Perry  
2:15—Address by Missionary, Virgil E. Havens  
3:00—Business Session

## FRIDAY EVENING, NOV. 10, 1944

### YOUTH SESSION AT A. C. COLLEGE

6:00—Youth Banquet  
7:30—Devotional Service.....G. A. Hamlin  
8:00—Address to Youth.....George D. West  
8:45—Closing, 100th Session



## MEANING OF THE CENTENNIAL

Our North Carolina Convention this year is celebrating our CENTENNIAL OF CHRISTIAN UNION. Our CHRISTIAN UNION was projected at the annual State meeting of Bethel Conference in 1844, and effected in a meeting of representatives at Hookerton, N. C., on May 2, 1845. This UNION functioned as The Bethel Conference and Union Meeting of Disciples of Christ which assembled in their first annual meeting at Piney Grove Church, Sampson County, Oct. 9-12, 1845. North Carolina Disciples for ninety-nine years have missed not one annual meeting. Therefore our gathering at Wilson, Nov. 8-10, 1944, is really our one hundredth annual session.

Early history of Carolina Disciples is of fascinating interest to its intimate students. Barton Warren Stone received here his educational and spiritual bent under David Caldwell and Henry Pattillo. He was turned westward in his travels, to Kentucky, by a discerning Christian woman in Eastern Carolina. Thomas Campbell visited the State for a six months' visit in 1833-'34. His preaching and pious conversation marked by clear and true exposition of the Scriptures, went far in setting North Carolina's Disciples on their forward way. Beginning with Louisa Clark, in Greenville, first openly avowed Convert, the movement for CHRISTIAN UNION in Carolina has steadily expanded.

Some early leaders of Carolina Disciples were: General William Clark, John P. Dunn, Jeremiah Leggett, and Abraham Congleton. Some outstanding leaders in the Bethel Conference were: Thomas J. Latham, Robert Bond, Benjamin Parrott, and John L. Clifton; some laymen: Winsor Dixon, Joel Joyner, Jr., and Laban Wilkinson; some women: Theresa Dunn, Winifred Rountree, Clary Dixon, Ann Latham, Elizabeth Bond, Ann Gaylord, Amy Ann Harper, Mary Heath, Cynthia Dunn, Henrietta Parrott, Elizabeth Leggett, and Orpah Moye. These leaders and their cause are dramatized in the Centennial Play "Christians' Reveille," appearing in Howard Chapel, Atlantic Christian College, on Thursday evening, Nov. 9, 1944, as appears in this program. It need not be further elaborated here.

Growth of North Carolina Disciples of Christ has been substantial, notwithstanding much of their pioneer blood went to newer states in the West. Our 1944 year books show a total of 35,000 white and 19,000 Colored Disciples, for a grand total of 54,000. This compared with the total of 1,797 members in 1844, shows the CENTURY'S GROWTH to be THIRTY FOLD.

Given by twenty-five year periods the growth of white Disciples in North Carolina has been as follows

1844—Members, both white and colored, 1,797; baptisms, 248; gifts to local purposes, not recorded; to missions (Minute Fund), \$22.50.

1869—Members (white only from here on), 3,063; baptisms, 318; gifts to local purposes, not recorded; to missions (Minute Fund), \$67.30.

1895—(Statistics not recorded, 1894); Members, 9,633; baptisms, 693; gifts to local purposes, \$4,657.68; to missions, \$481.24.

1919—Members, 20,791; baptisms, 1,029; gifts to local purposes, \$94,585.43; to missions, \$32,754.11.

1944—Members, 35,020; baptisms, 1,255; gifts to local purposes, \$300,202.47; to missions, \$39,819.09.

CHRISTIANS' REVEILLE is sounding again at the dawn of this second century. North Carolina Disciples of Christ must arise to their opportunities. With all of our resources we must present Christ as the only hope for a crushed and bleeding world.

## OUR CENTURY CHURCHES

When the so-numbered first annual Convention, North Carolina Disciples of Christ met at Piney Grove Church, Sampson County, on Oct. 9-12, 1845, there were thirty churches enrolled with an aggregate membership of 1,859 members. When we gather in Wilson, Nov. 8-10, 1944, for our one-hundredth annual session, there will be fifteen of these original thirty churches still functioning, aside from nearly 200 more churches which represent the growth of a century.

Those fifteen pioneer or "Century" Churches, enrolled in 1845, a total of 1,041 members, out of the entire 1,859 in the total fellowship, as of 1845. These 15 "Century" Churches of 1944, identified respectively by their original names, are as follows:

**Wheat Swamp**, Lenoir County; **Hookerton**, Greene County; **Kitts Swamp**, Craven County; then known as Little Swift Creek; **Concord**, Pamlico County; **Broad Creek**, Pamlico County; **Bethany**, Pamlico County; **Bay Creek**, Pamlico County; **Mill Creek**, Johnston County; **Beaver Dam**, Beaufort County; **Pantego**, Beaufort County, then known as Concord; **Live Oak Grove**, Carteret County, then known as Ware Creek; **Rountrees**, Pitt County; **Pleasant Hill**, Jones County; **Chinquapin Chapel**, Jones County; **Kinston**, Lenoir County.

## FROM PINEY GROVE TO WILSON

The following table shows where the annual state conventions, North Carolina Disciples of Christ, have been held throughout the past century. Given each year, in order, is the name of the church where the Convention was held, and the county of its location, and the name of the presiding officer.

1845—Piney Grove, Sampson.....	John L. Clifton
1846—Post Oak, Craven.....	Winsor Dixon
1847—Pleasant Hill, Jones.....	Thos. J. Latham

1848—Mill Creek, Johnston.....	Thos. J. Latham
1849—Kinston, Lenoir.....	Reuben Barrow
1850—Rountree's, Pitt.....	Thos. J. Latham
1851—Oak Grove, Greene.....	Thos. J. Latham
1852—Elm Grove, Pitt.....	Thos. J. Latham
1853—Wheat Swamp, Lenoir.....	Thos. J. Latham
1854—Rose of Sharon, Lenoir.....	A. J. Battle
1855—Kinston, Lenoir.....	A. J. Battle
1856—Chinquapin Chapel, Jones.....	Jno. L. Clifton
1857—Antioch, Pitt.....	Jno. P. Dunn
1858—Wheat Swamp, Lenoir.....	Peter E. Hines
1859—Elm Grove, Pitt.....	Peter E. Hines
1860—Oak Grove, Greene.....	Peter E. Hines
1861—Hookerton, Greene.....	Wm. Dixon
1862—Pleasant Hill, Jones.....	Peter E. Hines
1863—Wheat Swamp, Lenoir.....	Gideon Allen
1864—Hookerton, Greene.....	Josephus Latham
1865—Rountree's, Pitt.....	Jacob McCotter
1866—Fellow's Chapel, Pitt.....	H. D. Cason
1867—Corinth, Pitt.....	Gideon Allen
1868—Wheat Swamp, Lenoir.....	Gideon Allen
1869—Fellow's Chapel, Pitt.....	Gideon Allen
1870—Oak Grove, Pitt.....	Gideon Allen
1871—Antioch, Pitt.....	Gideon Allen
1872—Kinston, Lenoir.....	Gideon Allen
1873—Hookerton, Greene.....	Jno. T. Walsh
1874—Oak Grove, Pitt.....	Jno. T. Walsh
1875—Corinth, Pitt.....	Gideon Allen
1876—Wheat Swamp, Lenoir.....	Jno. T. Walsh
1877—Salem, Pitt.....	H. D. Harper
1878—Robersonville, Martin.....	H. D. Harper
1879—Kinston, Lenoir.....	H. D. Harper
1880—Bethel, Lenoir.....	Jno. T. Walsh
1881—Robersonville, Martin.....	Jno. T. Walsh
1882—Timothy Chapel, Pitt.....	J. J. Harper
1883—Antioch, Pitt.....	J. J. Harper
1884—Wheat Swamp, Lenoir.....	Jno. T. Walsh
1885—Rountree's, Pitt.....	Geo. Joyner
1886—Salem, Pitt.....	J. J. Harper
1888—Old Ford, Beaufort.....	J. J. Harper
1889—LaGrange, Lenoir.....	C. W. Howard
1890—Hookerton, Greene.....	E. A. Moye
1891—New Bern, Craven.....	W. W. Farmer
1892—Grifton, Pitt.....	W. W. Farmer
1893—Washington, Beaufort.....	H. Winfield
1894—Kinston, Lenoir.....	J. L. Winfield
1895—Farmville, Pitt.....	J. J. Harper
1896—Washington, Beaufort.....	J. J. Harper
1897—Pantego, Beaufort.....	W. J. Crumpler
1898—Salem, Pitt.....	W. J. Crumpler
1899—Wilson, Wilson.....	J. J. Harper
1900—Ayden, Pitt.....	J. J. Harper
1901—Kinston, Lenoir.....	J. J. Harper
1902—Wilson, Wilson.....	J. J. Harper
1903—Greenville, Pitt.....	E. A. Moye
1904—Washington, Beaufort.....	E. A. Moye
1905—LaGrange, Lenoir.....	E. A. Moye
1906—Dunn, Harnett.....	E. A. Moye
1907—Belhaven, Beaufort.....	A. B. Cunningham



1908—Kinston, Lenoir.....	J. W. Hines
1909—Wilson, Wilson.....	J. W. Hines
1910—Washington, Beaufort.....	J. W. Hines
1911—Ayden, Pitt.....	J. W. Hines
1912—Farmville, Pitt.....	J. W. Hines
1913—Asheville, Buncombe.....	J. W. Hines
1914—Greenville, Pitt.....	J. W. Hines
1915—Pantego, Beaufort.....	J. W. Hines
1916—Kinston, Lenoir.....	W. C. Manning
1917—Wilson, Wilson.....	W. C. Manning
1918—Greenville, Pitt.....	W. C. Manning
1919—Robersonville, Martin.....	W. C. Manning
1920—Goldsboro, Wayne.....	W. C. Manning
1921—Greenville, Pitt.....	W. C. Manning
1922—Belhaven, Beaufort.....	W. C. Manning
1923—Raleigh, Wake.....	W. C. Manning
1924—Dunn, Harnett.....	W. C. Manning
1925—Wilson, Wilson.....	W. C. Manning
1926—New Bern, Craven.....	W. C. Manning
1927—Kinston, Lenoir.....	Richard Bagby
1928—Washington, Beaufort.....	W. H. Brunson
1929—Farmville, Pitt.....	J. M. Waters
1930—Raleigh, Wake.....	F. E. Harlow
1931—New Bern, Craven.....	Guy Elliott
1932—Winston-Salem (4th St.), Forsyth.....	H. C. Jarvis
1933—Rocky Mount, Nash.....	C. C. Roberts
1934—Greenville, Pitt.....	Richard Bagby
1935—Kinston, Lenoir.....	C. B. Mashburn
1936—Wilson, Wilson.....	Charles Darsie
1937—Goldsboro, Wayne.....	Leland Cook
1938—Washington, Beaufort.....	John L. Goff
1939—Dunn, Harnett.....	John Barclay
1940—Raleigh, Wake.....	J. M. Perry
1941—Greenville, Pitt.....	H. S. Hilley
1942—Washington, Beaufort.....	Olin Fox
1943—Kinston, Lenoir.....	Ely J. Perry
1944—Wilson, Wilson.....	Cecil A. Jarman

## CONVENTION FACILITIES

Our Centennial State Convention, Nov. 8-10, 1944, at Wilson, is entertained on Harvard Plan, which means free lodging and breakfast for Convention delegates sending in their names not later than Nov. 3 to T. T. Swearingen, 106 East Vance St., Wilson, N. C.

Other facilities of entertainment are as follows:

1. W. M. S. Luncheon, to which all convention visitors are invited, at 12:45 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, in Carolina Room of the local Christian Church; capacity 250 plates; price per plate, (turkey served), 75 cents. Tickets will be on sale on convention floor. Purchase tickets promptly.

2. A. C. College Dinner, to which all convention visitors are invited, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, in the local Methodist Church, at corner Tarboro and Greene streets, two blocks away from Christian Church, capacity, 100 plates; price per plate, 85 cents. Fellowship

will be enriching here, and this accommodation will be appreciated greatly in view of congested conditions in local restaurants. Tickets on sale.

3. Barbecue luncheon for all Convention visitors, at 12:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10, in Carolina Room, of the local Christian Church; capacity, 125 plates: price per plate, 60 cents. Tickets on sale.

4. Youth Banquet, for all Convention visitors, but attendance of youth is stressed, at 6:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10, in Hardy Dining Hall, at A. C. College; capacity, 225 plates; price per plate, 60 cents. Tickets on sale, supervised by Cecil A. Jarman, A. C. College, Wilson, N. C., through whom reservations should be made promptly.

Ministers' Wives' Tea. This will be held at the home of our Wilson pastor, T. T. Swearingen, 305 N. Goldsboro St., very near to the local Christian Church, at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9. Attendance restricted to ministers' wives; Mrs. H. S. Hilley is president.

Reception for all Convention visitors. This will be held in Kinsey Hall, at A. C. College, immediately after rendition of the Centennial Play, staged in Howard Chapel at the college. This reception is sponsored jointly by the college and the Woman's Council of Wilson Christian Church.

## LIST OF COMMITTEES

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: John L. Goff, Harold L. Tyer, G. A. Hamlin, R. V. Hope, R. Paul Parker, Miss Natalie Nunn, Mrs. H. M. Johnson, Homer O. Wilson.

EVANGELIZING COMMITTEE: Nixon A. Taylor, Allen Wilson, J. M. Perry, Loftin A. Tart, Rufus H. Walker.

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE: E. B. Quick, J. M. Waters, R. L. Topping, R. A. Phillips, Claude Kiser.

ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE COMMITTEE: J. Wayne Drash, A. C. Young, L. B. Scarborough, Ely J. Perry, G. Curtis Jones, W. O. Henderson.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Allen Wilson, L. B. Scarborough, Clyde Darsie, Gilbert D. Davis, J. Thomas Brown, Duke C. Jones, Miss Berta Jane Henderson, Byron Carlisle.

TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE: G. Curtis Jones, Robert M. Johnston, Joseph D. Boyd, Newton J. Robison, James T. Lawson, Mrs. Robert McArthur, Mrs. J. F. Parrott.

EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION (Standing): T. T. Swearingen, J. Wayne Drash, Mrs. T. C. Flood, F. W. Wiegmann, Homer O. Wilson, Newton J. Robison, H. Glenn Haney, Mrs. J. H. Martin, Norman F. Matthews.



INTERRACIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Standing): H. S. Hilley, J. Wayne Drash, Olin Fox, C. H. Hamlin, Robert M. Johnston, C. C. Ware.

EXAMINATION AND ORDINATION COMMITTEE (Standing): C. B. Mashburn, T. T. Swearingen, Allen Wilson, F. W. Wiegmann, W. H. Brunson.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER COMMITTEE (Standing): J. M. Perry, Homer O. Wilson, C. W. Howard, Arch J. Flannagan, L. B. Scarborough.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: A. W. Griffin, Mrs. Lulu H. Hackney, J. Ernest Paschall.

NECROLOGY COMMITTEE: W. H. Brunson, Joel E. Vause, John J. Langston, F. A. Lilley, J. Walter Lollis.

### DELEGATES, ATTENTION!!

Delegates coming to our Centennial State Convention of North Carolina Disciples of Christ, at Wilson, Nov. 8-10, 1944, please be sure to remember that for several years it has been customary to pay at the registration desk of the Convention \$1.00 per church—not \$1.00 per delegate, but \$1.00 per church—for registration. This is to provide programs, stenographic help, and much else to make a great Centennial Convention. Please see that this is done. It is important.!!

### ANNUAL YOUTH BANQUET

The annual youth banquet usually held during our State Convention will be served this year in the Hardy Dining Room at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, on Friday evening, November 10th, at 6:00 p.m. The price of the meal will be 60c per plate and there will be accommodations for only 225 young people. The youth throughout the State should make arrangements with their parents for their ministers to secure their tickets for this banquet on or before Friday of the Convention. In this way they may be assured of a good meal and the fine fellowship that goes with a youth banquet.

Following the banquet, a special youth worship service will be held in Howard Chapel at A. C. College. In connection with the program, a candle-light communion service, conducted by the young people, will be held and a message appropriate to youth will be brought by a guest speaker. All young people should plan to attend this important session of the State Convention.

## CENTENNIAL TAPS

Barton Warren Stone died at Hannibal, Mo., at the home of his daughter, Amanda Bowen, on Nov. 9, 1844. Exactly one hundred years later, Nov. 9, 1944, in Howard Chapel, at A. C. College, Wilson, N. C., will be given our Centennial Play, "Christians' Reveille," in the first scene of which impersonating the 24-year-old youth of 1796, Barton Stone is dramatically presented making his decision in eastern North Carolina to migrate to Kentucky.

"Taps," for this hero of the Cross, dear now to every Christian heart, historically oriented in what was long ago called "The Current Reformation."

# SERVICE ROLL FOR STATE MISSIONS

## EIGHTY-EIGHT CHURCHES SPECIALLY AIDED BY OUR STATE MISSIONS SERVICE

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Antioch (Pamlico), 1911-'12	Morehead City, 1939-'41
Asheville, 1890-1908	Mt. Olive (Wayne), 1943-'44
Ayden, 1898	Mount Pleasant (Pitt), 1893
Belhaven, 1903-'06	New Bern, 1889-1915, '20-'28
Berea, 1893, 1904-'06	Pinetown, 1904
Bethany (Craven), 1891, 1938-'41	Pleasant Union, 1909
Bethlehem, 1893, 1905-'06, '11	Plymouth, 1893-1905
Beulah (Nash), 1889, '93	Pollocksville, 1892-1912
Burlington, 1941-'44	Poplar Branch, 1911-'12, '19-'20
Butlers, 1901	Poplar Chapel, 1905
Carr Memorial, 1920-'25	Powell's Point, 1893, 1919-'20, '39, '41
Charlotee, 1917-'19, '21-'27	Raleigh, 1917-'26
Coinjock, 1911, '12, '19, '20, '39	Red Oak, 1890
Columbia, 1906-'09; 1941-'43	Refuge, 1988
Concord (Sampson)	Reidsville, 1908-'24
Cove City, 1940-'44	Rocky Mount, 1905-'14
Dover, 1903-'05, '10-'12	Rosemary (Halifax), 1925-'30
Draper, 1939-'40	Royal, 1904, '14
Dunn, 1889-'94, 1907	St. Clair's Creek, 1891
Durham, 1923-'32, '35-'36	Saratoga, 1917-'19
Elizabeth Chapel, 1912	Scuppernong, 1901
Elizabeth City, 1920-'32	Selah, 1909
Enfield, 1916-'17	Sharon, 1905
Fairfield, 1892-'96	Smithfield, 1943-'44
Farmville, 1893-1905	Sound Side, 1905-'07
Fremont, 1906-24	Spray (First), 1904-'08
Gastonia, 1937-'44	Stokesdale, 1889
Goldsboro, 1914, '17-'22	Tarboro, 1919-'21
Gospel Light, 1903-'06	Trenton, 1898-'99, 1903, '10
Grantsboro, 1892-'93; 1941-'44	Walstonburg, 1933-'39
Greensboro, 1917-24	Washington, 1890-'32
Greenville, 1893, '96-1901	Wendell, 1912-'18
Grifton, 1890-'92	Wenona, 1926-'30
Grimesland, 1893-'95, '99, 1901-'04	West Belhaven, 1906-09
Gum Neck, 1905, '08-'09	Whitakers, 1909-'17
High Point (N. Hamilton St.), 1924-'39	Williamston, 1889-'98, 1901, '04
High Point (Second), 1944	Wilmington, 1906-'23, '26-'29, '35
Jacksonville, 1910-'12	Wilson, 1890
Jamesville, 1889-'94	Winston-Salem (Cleveland Ave.)
Jarvisburg, 1911-'12, '19-'20, '39	(Colored), 1943
Jefferson, 1926-'30	Winston-Salem (4th St.), 1890-'93, '99
Littleton, 1915-'16	Winston-Salem (N. Liberty St.), 1925-'33
Lumberton, 1925-'44	Winston-Salem (Sprague St.), 1925-'26
Macclesfield, 1905-'07, '10, '41-'42	Winterville, 1938-'44
Mill Creek, 1893-'94, 1909	



# Host Church

OF THE

## Centennial Convention



### A WORD ABOUT WILSON CHURCH

First Christian Church was organized April 27, 1871, with 16 charter members. The pioneer evangelist, Virgil Angelo Wilson, of Bethania, N. C., was assisted in the organization by local ministers Moses Tyson Moye and Peter Edmund Hines. Only surviving charter member is George Hackney, living near the Church, at the age of 90, and active in the Christian Church for 73 years. Mr. Hackney is also the only surviving charter member of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Society, founded in Kinston, April 28, 1877, as the preliminary project for today's North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention.